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SENATOR WAYNE ALLARD JOINS SENATOR BUNNING TO INCLUDE LANGUAGE DEALING WITH PUEBLO DEPOT IN 2006 BUDGET RESOLUTION

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senators Wayne Allard (R-Colorado) and Jim Bunning (R-Kentucky) worked together Thursday at a meeting of the Senate Budget Committee to get language incorporated into the 2006 Budget Resolution regarding the Pueblo Chemical Depot cleanup project, as well as the Blue Grass, Kentucky chemical weapons storage facility, instructing the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) to use funds provided in 2005 previously provided by Congress to move forward on the cleanup projects at both sites.

“This is a direct message to DoD, in the Budget Resolution, instructing the department to stop delaying and move forward, responsibly, with this project,” Senator Allard said.

The language was included in the Senate Budget Committee’s report on the Budget Resolution, saying that the Senate believes that the U.S. Department of Defense should develop a realistic timetable to complete destruction of the chemical munitions at Pueblo and Blue Grass, “as expeditiously as possible and within the treaty deadline.”

“The Department should use funds previously appropriated to move forward with the design and construction at both sites,” reads the resolution. “The Department should stop the needless study of alternative demilitarization technologies, complete the design process for both sites and include sufficient funds in future budgets to fully fund those facilities.”

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